

To the Members of the California State Senate;

I am returning Senate Bill 1002 without my signature.

This bill would fund many worthy programs and I would sign it as part of a comprehensive plan to address California's growing water crisis. However, other critical elements were not addressed in this bill, such as storage and conveyance, and without them this bill represents the same piecemeal approach that led us to the current crisis. Several legislative measures that are virtually identical to this bill are being considered in the Special Session on water, and I will support a measure to fund these vital programs if it reaches my desk as part of a comprehensive plan.

California voters have approved more than \$14 billion in bonds to address water and environmental issues in the last ten years. Billions of dollars were directly aimed at projects designed to address the crisis in the Delta. Yet the Delta is in worse shape today than it was a decade ago.

Throwing more money at the problem without addressing the fundamental issues to fix the Delta will only allow the crisis to worsen. With water rationing and rate increases on the horizon throughout the state, we cannot afford any further delay in making the hard decisions on how to protect California's vital water infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger